

East Greenwich School Committee

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Town Council Chambers

125 Main Street

East Greenwich, RI 02818

ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE

6:00p.m. Executive Session RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1) Job Performance and possible renewal of Contract for Athletic Director

6:22p.m. Regular Session

I. Pledge of Allegiance

The second July meeting was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at the Town Hall at 6:30p.m. The following members were present: Anne Palumbo-Vice Chair, MaryEllen Winters, Robert Durant, Susa Records and Paul Martin as well as Superintendent Dr. Victor Mercurio, Maryanne Crawford, Director of Administration, Director of Special Services, Paula Dillon and Robert Wilmarth, Director of Facilities. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes-June 8, 2009 Executive Session

On a motion made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Martin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2009 Executive Session.

IV. Action Items

a. Appointments

Mrs. Records made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the appointment of Monica Jennings, Grade Six at Hanaford School, effective 8-31-09. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the appointment of Molly Tierney, Grade Six Teacher at Eldredge School, effective 8-31-09. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to appoint Jennifer Nygren, Grade 6 Teacher at Eldredge for one year only, effective 8-31-09. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Second Reading and Vote on Policies

i. Peanut Allergy Law: Motion made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mr. Martin and was unanimous.

ii. Kindergarten and First Grade Eligibility: Motion made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mr. Martin and was unanimous.

iii. Field Trip: Motion made by Mrs. Winters and seconded by Mr. Durant and was unanimous. Mrs. Dillon stated that the current policy wasn't clear and this is a clarification.

iv. Student Code of Conduct Suspensions for Students with Disabilities: Motion made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mr. Martin and was unanimous.

v. Grading Policy: Motion made by Mrs. Records and seconded by Mr. Durant and passed with Mr. Martin voting no. Mrs. Dillon stated this was decided by Curriculum Council to make everything consistent.

vi. Employee Dress Code: Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin and was unanimous. Mrs. Palumbo would like a format change now that this is approved.

vii. Prohibiting Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation: Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin and it was unanimous.

viii. Child Abuse Neglect Reporting: Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin and was unanimous.

ix. Section 504: Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin and was unanimous.

x. Prevention and Crisis Intervention/Physical Restraint and Safety Promotion: Mr. Martin made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Durant and was unanimous.

xi. Volunteer Agreement-Statement of Confidentiality: Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin and was unanimous.

xii. Policies through Facilities Department

Indoor Fossil Fuel; IAQ Management; and High Performance Design Advisory Committee: Mr. Durant made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin and was unanimous.

c. Out-of-country trip for High School for April 2010

Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the out-of-country field trip for April, 2010. Mr. Andy Perrin

from the high school was present to answer questions about the trip. It will be to Paris and London. He added there will be an English and History component to trip. He may need to take one day before vacation or one day after vacation. He added that other groups at the high school have used the company, ACIS. Mrs. Palumbo is concerned there are enough chaperones. Mr. Perrin states they will have one per five students. He and Mr. Kenney, their wives and one other teacher will possibly be chaperones. Their group is assigned an ACIS guide throughout entire process. Paul- asked if they will need both extra days. Mr. Perrin is not sure and they may not need the extra days. Mrs. Palumbo stated that her daughter was stressed out when she got back to school even though teachers were very accommodating Mr. Perrin states that the trip probably can be done during the April vacation. Mrs. Palumbo stated that the minor students have to abide by our laws. Mr. Martin stated it is important to have good chaperones. He asks that a meeting be held with them before they leave. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Aramark Contract

Mrs. Crawford spoke about a renewal for a one year contract for the school food service provider, Aramark, for the 2009-2010 school year.

She recommended renewal. Mrs. Crawford noted that she is still negotiating with them to finalize it. Motion made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mr. Martin subject to revisions made. Mrs. Crawford noted that school lunches across the country are down. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of Superintendent's Contract

Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to approve a contract for Superintendent, Dr. Victor Mercurio. The motion passed unanimously.

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e. Approval of change orders for Fields- Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters table this item until next meeting since. Mr. Caito was not able to be present. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Approval New Finance Committee Member-This was tabled until next meeting Mr. Jack Sommer stated that two new members will be appointed since Robert Holbrook and William Eustis resigned. The new candidates are Steve Miranda and Ed Perrone, who are both East Greenwich residents.

V. Discussion Items

a. Fields-Mrs. Crawford stated that this will be because there are no change orders. Mr. Durant made the motion to table seconded by Mr. Martin and was unanimous.

1. Revised Fields Budget-tabled

2. Updated Fields Construction Committee -tabled

b. Technology Discussion (Language Lab Bid)

Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by M r. Martin to award the bid for the high school language lab to EBI Electronics, Inc. in the amount of \$165,060.00 for the Sanko 300 Media Lab. This

company has been servicing the labs already. Lease is \$52,000 per year. The funds will be coming out of high school technology budget. according to Technology Director, Jerry Nettik, since the new equipment is going there anyway. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Finance Committee

1. Finance Committee Comments for FY 2011 budget planning

Jack Sommer stated that he has Finance Committee members assigned to work with each principal to provide budget assistance before they give to their budgets to Mrs. Crawford.

d. Legislative Update-This item was tabled due to the absence of the Chair.

e. SORICO Update

Mr. Martin stated the last meeting was on August 27th. He requested we have an update on our meeting in September.

f. Discussion of Meadowbrook Communications Concerns- This item will be tabled and referred to the new Superintendent at another time.

VI. School Committee Concerns

Mrs. Records is pleased with the accounting on technology. She noted it is a good start. She asked when the next Technology Committee meeting will be held. She asked about the plans going forward. Mr. Nettik responded that there will be a meeting before school starts to go over everything, and get the plan finalized for the year. Mrs. Records would like to get on the next email for the technology meeting.

Mr. Martin asked about the policy in relation to person who leaves the system after 14 years. It was noted that the employee will get a

recognition gift. Mrs. Records agrees and stated that we need to acknowledge these people who give years to our system.

Mrs. Palumbo announced the vote taken in Executive Session to approve a three year contract for Mr. Vincent Varrecchione, Athletic Director. It passed unanimously.

VI. Mr. Martin made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Durant to adjourn and go into Executive Session, at 7:09p.m. under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2) for Teacher Contract Negotiations. The Committee, being polled individually, voted unanimously.

Virginia Giuliani, Secretary